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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,036,645, dated March 14, 2000, issued to Drost et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,019,724, dated February 1, 2000, issued to Gronningsaeter et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,112,113, dated August 2000, issued to Van Der Brug et al.;
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,135,946, dated October 2000, issued to Konen et al.;

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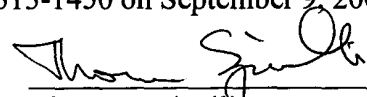
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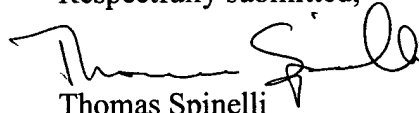
  
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5. U.S. Patent No. 6,004,273, dated December 1999, issued to Sakamoto et al.; and
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,039,695, dated March 2000, issued to Sakamoto et al.

Copies of references 1 and 2 are not being submitted as they were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and references 3-6 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent U.S. serial number 09/732,042 filed on December 7, 2000.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		6,019,724	2/1/2000	Gronningsaeter et al.			
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		6,135,946	10/2000	Konen et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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